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SUBJECT: FGT 766/01/P06 ENGINEERING STUDY FOR PIPELINE
BETWEEN KINSHASA AND BAS-ZAIRE

1. MEED PLEASE NOTIFY US FIRMS WITH APPROPRIATE
CABILITIES OF PETROZIAIRE'S REQUEST FOR BIDS ON
ENGINEERING STUDIES FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION.
2. PETROZAIRE, THE STATE-OWNED PETROLEUM COMPANY,
REQUESTS TWO SEPARATE BIDS FOR ENGINEERING STUDIES.
PROJECT NO. 1 IS A STUDY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE
LIKING ANGO-ANGO (MATADI) AND KINSHASA, A DISTANCE
OF 210 MILES. PROJECT NO. 2 IS STUDY FOR 90 MILE
PIPELINE CONNECTING REFINERY AT MOANDA TO PIPELINE
BETWEEN MATADI AND KINSHASA. BOTH PIPELINES ARE TO
BE BUILT TO ANTICIPATE 1995 DEMAND FOR HYDROCARBON
PRODUCTS ESTIMATED BETWEEN 2,808,000 AND 4, 113,000
CUBIC METERS.
3. PIPELINE NO. 1 WILL PARALLEL EXISTING PIPELINES.
PIPELINE NO. 2 WILL REQUIRE MORE EXTENSIVE SITE-
PLANNING, INCLUDING CROSSING OF ZAIRE RIVER.
4. STUDIES SHOULD COVER ALL ASPECTS OF PIPELINE
CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN AND ROUTING IN DETAIL AS
WELL AS DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE METHODS, AND SPECIFY
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COSTS. THE STUDIES ARE EXPECTED TO INCLUDE COMPARISON

OF CLASSICAL TUBULAR PIPE AND SPIRAL PIPE (FABRICATED IN ZAIRE) AS WELL AS DISCUSSION OF PIPELINE SPECIFICATIONS, COATING, INTERNAL LINING, CATHODIC PROTECTION, PUMPING STATIONS, OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES, OPTIMUM STORAGE CAPACITY, AUTOMATION AND CONTROLS SYSTEMS, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS BETWEEN TERMINALS AND PUMPING STATIONS, PERSONNEL STAFFING PATTERNS, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGETS, AND DETAILED COST ESTIMATES. ESTIMATES OF COST OF SPECIFICATIONS MANUALS SHOULD BE SEPARATE. BIDDING FIRM SHOULD INDICATE WHICH PARTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION IT IS WILLING TO PERFORM.

5. BIDS ARE DUE IN KINSHASA AT NOON 31 MAY 1975. BID PACKAGE MUST BE IN FRENCH, ALTHOUGH ENGLISH TEXT MAY BE SENT ALSO. BIDS MUST BE QUOTED IN US DOLLARS AND SHOULD INDICATED START-UP DATE AND DURATION OF STUDIES.

6. ANY FIRM CONSIDERING THE REQUEST SHOULD NOTIFY EMBASSY AND CABLE ITS INTEREST, EVEN AT A PRELIMINARY STAGE, TO PETROZAIRE, TELEX NO. 248 PEZA KIN.

7. POST WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST INTERESTED PARTIES, AND RECOMMENDS TRANSMITTING CORRESPONDENCE THROUGH EMBASSY. POST IS SENDING COPY OF REQUEST FOR BIDS TO MEPD VIA AIR POUCH. ALSO NOTIFYING LOCAL AMERICAN REPS.

8. TO EXPEDITE DISSEMINATION OF REQUEST, POST GLAD TO FURNISH MEPD TELEGRAPHICALLY WITH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH WILL ASSIST MEPD'S RECRUITMENT OF US FIRMS.

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